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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

28 June 1979

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10:00 CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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- D. Rezoning Square 2258, lots 33-34, 2701 Chesapeake Street, N.W., from detached to row dwellings.
- E. D.C. Legislation - 3-145, Bus Shelter Act of 1979, Report on hearing

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- a. O.G. 79-80, 1049 30th Street, N.W., Resubmission Watergate Development, revised scheme for office-apartment building.
- b. O.G. 79-100, 2908 O Street, N.W., Renovation and addition to existing residence.
- c. Appendix 1.

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APPENDIX 1

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

June 28, 1979

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 79-86	3616 Prospect Street, N.W. G. Luss	Addition of cedar sundeck to rear of house.
ACTION: Issue permit. Recommend that 1"x 6" wood rather than lattice be used to screen undercarriage.		
O.G. 79-99	3213 M Street, N.W. Laura Ashley	Awning and signwork in relation to previously approved remodeling.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
O.G. 79-101	1670 31st Street, N.W. Armistead Peter III	Install new Iron fence and driveway.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
O.G. 79-104	1312 30th Street, N.W. Huntington Block	Build a small ornamental garden pool. 17' x 5' x 18' deep.
ACTION: Issue permit.		

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 79-105	1339 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. American Security Bank	Fabricate and install two duplicate sets of non illuminated fabricated individually 2" deep bronze painted metal letters and logo sheild. One set for Wisconsin elevation, one duplicate set for Dumbarton Ave. Projecting 1" off brick wall as per drawing.

ACTION: Issue permit.

O.G. 79-107	3323 Dent Place, N.W. Isaiah G. Martin	Addition to existing residence.
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ACTION: Issue permit.

O.G. 79-109	3101 P Street, N.W. Mr. Don Dailey	Revise approved P Street elevation. Retain 4th floor window opening width, lower sill only.
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ACTION: Issue permit.

APPENDIX 2

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June 28, 1979

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 79-43	133 E Street, S.E. David Brockway	New deck and fence.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
S.L. 79-47	1701 Holly Street N.W. Mrs. John A.S. Corbin	Enclose existing side porch with sliding windows and screens as per plans.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
S.L. 79-48	318 2nd Street, S.E. Carl Winberg	Excavation and renovation of front basement at above location to provide increased light and exposure.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
* S.L. 79-51	450 5th Street, N.W. Georgetown University	Construct a new 11 story office building.
ACTION: Subject to final BZA and permit procedure clearance, Commission of Fine Arts approves preliminary design. Submit working drawings and material samples for Commission review prior to construction permit issuance.		

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S.L. 79-52	400 North Capital Street, N.W. Irving Minkowitz	Entrance canopy (Awning).
ACTION: Issue permit.		
S.L. 79-53	1776 G Street N.W. Diplomat Parking, Robert Edenbaum	Furnish and install one single faced 2'-0 x 8'-0 face and cabinet to be opaque brown letters and logo white plex lighted, bottom 8' high.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
S.L. 79-54	2922 28th Street, N.W. George Neagoy	Alterations to existing structure or pac attached.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
S.L. 79-56	1776 G Street, N.W. Jefferson Federal Savings and Loan	Modification to 1st floor storefront for tenant.
ACTION: Issue permit.		

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S.L. 79-59	516 North Capitol Street, N.W. U.S. Foods Corporation	Remove exterior entrance vestibule and bay window projections on public space. Provide new exit door and new storefront windows.
ACTION: Issue permit. Two sets of double doors to match. Drawings modified w/ consent of architect.		
S.L. 79-60	832 15th Street, N.W. GSA	Two sets illuminated channel letters reading, "LOEBS DELI RESTAURANT."
ACTION: Issue permit.		
S.L. 79-58	2660 Woodley Road, N.W. Washington Sheraton Corporation	Remove and replace exterior windows.
ACTION: Issue permit.		
S.L. 79-61	1840 Irving Street, N.W. Norris M. Rich	Replace rear stoop.
ACTION: Issue permit.		

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S.L. 79-62	201 East Capitol Street, S.E. Folger Shakespeare Library	Interior remodeling, exterior repairs and alterations.

ACTION: Issue permit.

S.L. 79-63	126 F Street, S.E. Richard and Susan Emery	Enclose existing porch, keeping roof line as is.
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ACTION: Issue permit.

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

28 June 1979

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present:

Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
Hon. Philip W. Buchen
Hon. Victorine DuPont Homsey
Hon. Eli S. Jacobs
Hon. Frederick D. Nichols

Staff Present:

Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Elizabeth Bemis
Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
Mrs. Sue Kohler
Miss Karen O'Meara
Mr. John Vaughan

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Dates of next meetings, approved as: 24 July 1979
20 September 1979
(Date for August meeting uncertain)

- B. Minutes of 22 May meeting approved.

C. Personnel Announcement. The Secretary introduced John Vaughan, who will assist the staff for the next three months in developing a record keeping and transferral system.

D. Rezoning Square 2258, lots 33-34, 2701 Chesapeake Street, N.W., from detached to row dwellings. The Secretary noted that this request had been withdrawn. He requested approval, however, for staff testimony at any future hearings in an effort to keep the park-like character of the site. He said he would consult with the chairman before giving any such testimony and that any action taken would be at the staff level only. The request was granted.

E. D.C. Legislation 3-145, Bus Shelter Act of 1979, report on hearing. The Secretary reviewed this proposed legislation which would provide for privately constructed bus shelters, financed through advertising placed on the shelters. He said that at the hearing he was one of 12-15 persons in opposition to the plan, indicating a growing interest in preventing this kind of advertising, and noted also that the Mayor has already vetoed the legislation proposing advertising on taxis. He suggested that the possibility of increasing a current program of financing bus shelters with transportation funds should be explored and that letters should be written to the Secretary of Transportation and the head of the Urban Mass Transportation Agency.

The Secretary then brought up an item not on the agenda. He reported that the Justice Department has filed briefs in Richmond on the Rosslyn high-rise suit, and added that one of the developers involved in the suit is now petitioning for rezoning of a garden apartment site adjacent to the Xerox Center to permit several 24-story buildings. He also reported a growing citizen reaction to the proliferation of high-rise structures in Rosslyn.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation

1. Pershing Park, revised designs.

2. Western Plaza, details.

The Assistant Secretary reviewed these two projects briefly and then called on Mr. Charles Guelli from PADC to discuss recent developments.

Mr. Guelli said the design for the plaza has remained much as it was in March when the Commission last reviewed it: All vertical elements have been removed, the plaza is defined by a low wall broken in several places by entrance steps, and urns are used as decorative elements along the wall. He said that for the past few months the designers' efforts have been directed towards providing an enrichment of the surface of the plaza through the placing of inscriptions on the L'Enfant plan itself and along the borders. Ms. Florence Ladd of MIT

has chosen over 300 quotations relative to the social and historical development of the national capital, from which a panel will select the approximately 80 to be inscribed on the plaza.

The inscriptions will be placed in four locations: (1) The open space opposite the District Building. This space is designated for gatherings of large groups of people, and as it faces the District Building, the inscriptions here will relate to local history. (2) On the L'Enfant plan. These will be comments on the plan of Washington. (3) On bands bordering the plan to the north and south. Inscriptions here will relate to important issues involving the capital city. (4) "Headlines" at the entrances to the plaza.

Each inscription would be placed in an area 8 x 12 feet; the letters (lower case) would be 5 inches high.

Several members and the Chairman were concerned that there might be too many inscriptions, although Mr. Guelli thought that given the large space involved, the number chosen (80) would not be excessive. He said that any changes should be made in the near future, as the inscriptions will be cut at the quarry before the stones are laid. The Chairman suggested that a full size paper mock-up of several inscriptions should be made showing various spacings. This would also determine whether they would be readable when stretched out to a length of 12 feet.

The members also questioned whether the quotations placed on the L'Enfant plan area would be confusing, as there will be some inscriptions which are actually part of the plan itself. Mr. Guelli said the latter would be done in an antique lettering style, thus setting them apart from the added comments on the plan.

Mr. Guelli showed samples of the various kinds of stone to be used: a reddish granite for the greater part of the surface, a white granite for the streets in the L'Enfant plan, and grey granite for the water areas. When questioned as to why a stone or another material more blue in color was not selected for the water, Mr. Guelli said they had been unable to find one durable enough; he said the Pennsylvania blue stone suggested by some of the members was not a long lasting material. It was felt that extreme durability was not a crucial factor for this small area, and suggestions were also made that some other material, perhaps glass, could be used. Mr. Guelli said the designers had investigated a number of possibilities without finding one that was completely satisfactory, but he said he would bring some alternate samples to the next meeting.

When asked what decision had been made in regard to the proposed models of the White House and Capitol which were to have been placed on the L'Enfant plan originally, Mr. Guelli said these buildings will now be depicted in inlaid bronze in plan only.

Lighting was discussed next. Decorative Washington street lights will border the plaza, but the plaza itself will be lighted only by tree lights and recessed lights in the walls, steps, and pool. Provision has been made for supplemental lighting if it is found to be necessary at a later date.

Mr. Guelli then showed a simpler design for the urns, with two instead of three tiers. As the size and form make casting in stone very difficult, cast aluminum has been substituted. There will be 11 urns, spaced 90 feet apart. They will be 11 feet in diameter and 4 feet high. Plants to be used include tulips, begonias, chrysanthemums and Scotch pine, depending on the season.

The members were pleased with the redesign of the urns, but the Chairman, particularly, was unhappy with the choice of aluminum as a substitute for cast stone, feeling that it is too soft and lightweight in appearance, as well as being subject to pitting and corrosion. He thought bronze or lead more fitting metals for this purpose, but was told that bronze had been ruled out because of expense.

Mrs. Homsey felt that Mr. Stone, who was absent, should see the new design and the planting scheme, as he had been strongly opposed to using the urns when they were first presented. The Chairman told Mr. Guelli that while there was no objection to the shape of the urns, he would consult with Mr. Stone about the planting and would like the Commission to see a sample of the aluminum and some alternate materials before giving final approval.

EXHIBIT A

Pershing Park was discussed next. Mr. Guelli reviewed the design with its three sided bosque; pool and fountain towards 15th Street, and the Pershing memorial area on the opposite end. He said the pool has been enlarged, more planting added at the western edge, and the configuration of the fountain area amplified, with an overlook projecting into the pool area. The colonnade to support the overlook remains. Equipment for maintaining the skating rink in winter will be stored underneath the fountain-overlook area.

Mr. Guelli pointed out that the cafe area has been moved further west, away from the Pershing memorial; the kiosk, with food and restroom facilities, will probably be further reduced in size, in an attempt to lessen its impact on the memorial area. This area, approximately 45 x 60 feet, will be defined by two 10 foot high walls and will contain a statue of Pershing, essentially as described by the Battle Monuments Commission at the April meeting. Some changes have been made to bring about a better relationship between the memorial and the rest of the Park.

This presentation was for information only; no action was required.

EXHIBIT B

B. District of Columbia Department of Transportation

1. Chain Bridge, revised design. The Assistant Secretary introduced Lynn Robinson and Raoul Siles from the DOT. Mr. Siles presented a new plan for the repair and upgrading of the bridge, in response to the Commission's previous recommendation that the old lighting be retained and an open railing be used to allow motorists to see the river from the bridge.

The new plan, still asymmetrical with a sidewalk on the west only, showed typical Washington street light fixtures on each side. The railing for the pedestrian walk consisted of 4 horizontal tubular rails with a wire mesh facing. The height would be 5 feet. On the east side, a concrete parapet was shown, 2 feet 8 inches high.

Mr. Buchen was concerned about the aesthetic effect of using two different types of guard rails, but the Chairman thought this would not be crucial since the bridge would now be asymmetrical anyway, with only one sidewalk.

The members were happy to see the old lights retained and the attempt made to preserve the motorist's view of the river, although it was felt that the railings needed further study and refinements. As this presentation was for information only, no formal action was required.

C. Veterans' Administration

1. Veterans' Hospital, nursing wing and parking garage, initial design review. The Assistant Secretary introduced Mr. Isham Baker from the architectural firm of Sulton Campbell, who then introduced Mr. Edward Demarest from the Veterans' Administration and Mr. David Steen from the architectural firm of Wilmot, Bower, Quinlan and Associates.

Mr. Demarest traced the history of the project from its inception in 1973 to its funding in 1979. He said it has received approval by NCPC and is now in the working drawing stage. Slides of the site were shown, and Mr. Steen discussed the addition, which will consist of a 120 bed nursing home, speech and dental clinic facilities, and a 650 car garage. It will be located near North Capitol Street on the Veterans' Hospital site. The material will be a light color precast stone because of the inability to match the light brick of the original building. Mr. Nichols commented on the tendency of this material to water stain; Mr. Baker said he is aware of this and promised that the building will be detailed so that water will not drip on the stone.

There were no objections and the project was approved.

D. Department of the Treasury

1. Bureau of the Mint, John Wayne Commemorative Medal. The Secretary introduced Mr. George Schafer from the Mint, who showed drawings of the proposed medal. A portrait of Wayne, taken from the movie, "The Alamo," will be on the obverse, while the reverse will show him on horseback. It will be issued as a 3 inch gold medal and as a bronze medal available to the public. The only inscription will be, "John Wayne, American." The members had no objection to the design with the exception of the horse, which was depicted in a rather awkward way. Mr. Schafer said he would ask the designer to work on that aspect, and the medal was approved.

EXHIBIT C

E. District of Columbia Department of Economic Development

1. Old Georgetown Act

a. O.G. 79-80, 1049 30th Street, N.W., Resubmission, Watergate Development, revised scheme for office-apartment building. The Assistant Secretary reviewed the numerous design changes in this building over the past few months, a result of the Commission's original request to reduce its massiveness. At the May meeting the members had asked the architect to concentrate particularly on the courtyard and 29th Street elevations, and to study the sightlines from this street and the C & O Canal. Since that time the Georgetown Board had seen a number of additional studies but still felt the building should be reduced in size.

Mr. Holle and Mr. Graff, the architects, were introduced and discussed the revisions they have made, comparing the new drawings showing more extensive use of setbacks and sloped roofs with the more massive version shown on their original model. Mr. Holle said they decided against using terraces on the upper floors, as suggested by the Commission, because of the proximity of the freeway and because of the tendency of water to leak through the terraces into spaces below. The Chairman thought the building improved, but said it would be better if one floor were removed. Mr. Holle recalled that the previous architect's design, approved by the Commission, was similar and was allowed the same height and number of floors; he said he had been proceeding on the basis of this previous approval. The Chairman replied that much had happened on the Georgetown waterfront since that time, and that what was allowable in that case might not be wise at the present.

Architect Grosvenor Chapman commented that on a recent visit to London he had noticed how they were able to diminish the apparent height of a 7 story building by putting 3-4 stories in a mansard; he wondered why such a solution couldn't be tried in this project. Mr. Ray Kukulski, representing a neighborhood group, agreed with this observation and noted that the Georgian style inn on the same property looks much less massive.

Mr. Nichols suggested the architects try this means of reducing apparent height, but Mr. Graff said he felt that the mansard is an antique way of building and not appropriate at this time. He also noted that the previously approved design was completely contemporary. Mr. Holle remarked that in the present design, the 29th Street elevation is really the only place where there is any problem as the upper floors will not be seen from other directions. He noted that his client, although reluctant, would go back to the originally approved exterior design as they have determined that the permit is still valid. He then showed some recent sketches he made of ways to lower the cornice and break up the roof elements, and the members agreed that these had some merit. He was asked to study the project further along these lines.

b. O.G. 79-100, 2908 O Street, N.W., Renovation and addition to existing residence. The Secretary showed entrance details for an addition to this house; all agreed that the projection over the doorway should be treated as a decorative, non-structural element, omitting the brick panels. This detail was not approved.

c. Appendix 1, approved.

2. Shipstead-Luce Act

a. S.L. 79-66, 1777 F Street, N.W., New office building incorporating Michler Row. The Assistant Secretary introduced David Childs, from Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architects, who discussed his firm's design for an office building behind the 4 remaining houses of Michler Row, originally a group of thirteen built in the 1870's.

Mr. Childs first discussed the site and his observation that as one proceeds north on 18th Street the government and semi-public buildings are left behind and at F Street, Michler Row and Mrs. Robert Low Bacon's house on the west side of the street form a sort of gateway into the commercial area of Washington. Looking along F Street from west to east, he noted several early structures of importance: Mrs. Bacon's house, Michler Row, the Winder Building and, where F Street ends at 17th Street, the west front of the Old Executive Office Building. Because of its importance in this grouping of old buildings, as an anchor on a corner site, Michler Row will be retained in front of the proposed office structure, even though the three houses on F Street would have to be reduced essentially to facades, extending back from the street only about 10 feet. The corner house can be used, and the adjacent house on 18th Street (not actually part of Michler Row) is also usable, although it would have its floor levels reconstructed to match those in the corner house.

Mr. Childs commented briefly on the recent history of the row, noting that the seven remaining houses were scheduled for demolition. Three were demolished before the row was given landmark status. Subsequently, a law firm with offices across the street, desiring

larger quarters in the same area, joined with the developer to underwrite the expense of incorporating the remaining old houses in a new structure in which they would lease space.

Mr. Childs then discussed the design of the new building, which would slip in behind the old houses and set back along F Street. It will be an eight floor building, but no higher than the adjacent seven story structure. Material choices have not been made, but it will have a smooth surface in contrast to the old brick building, which will be painted red to match Mrs. Bacon's house. Parking entrance for the new building will be through an alley on 18th Street.

In general, the members were pleased with the design, although the Chairman expressed some reservations about the "cookie cutter" effect of the 18th Street corner setbacks as viewed from the south. Mr. Childs agreed this needed some study and thought perhaps some rounding or softening of the corners would produce a desirable "wrapping around" effect. The preliminary design was approved.

b. S.L. 79-65, Oakwood Terrace and 17th Street, N.W., Woodner Hotel Development, Residential development. The Assistant Secretary introduced Mr. Jesse Weinstein from Abel and Weinstein, architects, who discussed plans for townhouse development on this property behind the Woodner Hotel. In addition to the houses, an underground parking facility for both the hotel and houses will be built. The area is at present undeveloped except for a parking lot.

The development would consist of two types of housing: standard "fee simple" ownership houses on 17th Street facing Rock Creek Park, and condominiums behind them, on a steeply rising site (60 feet). The units would be compatible in design with other houses in the area.

The Chairman was concerned that construction of the row of houses facing the park would destroy trees on the site, and asked if this row might be eliminated. Mr. Jonathan Woodner, the owner, said he needs these in order to make the project economically viable, as the underground parking will be expensive to build and is being undertaken primarily as a community service. He said he plans to keep or create a heavily landscaped setting because this is the major advantage of the site. There was some concern also about the siting of so many condominium units on the steeply sloping site, and about the appearance of the necessary retaining walls between the rows of houses. It was recommended that the retaining walls be brick and that ivy be planted on those facing 17th Street. The Commission took note of the existing building fronting the road on either side of the unbuilt plot and saw some merit in continuing the built edge as a foil to the wooded park across the street. The preliminary design was approved.

c. Appendix 2, approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Signed,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

July 18, 1979

Dear Andy:

The Commission of Fine Arts discussed a number of topics with Messers, Gueli and Eichner of your staff during our June 28, 1979 meeting. I hope that we can continue to work closely and make a contribution now that things on the Avenue are moving so fast. Our next meetings have been scheduled for July 24th and September 20th, 1979. We will be happy to schedule further reviews at those times if it fits with your schedule.

Western Plaza details and landscaping were discussed first with a general concurrence with the current efforts. We have sent our landscape architect member, Ed Stone, a copy of the landscape plan and will be forwarding any comments he may have on behalf of the Commission. We do have a concern over the number and closeness of the proposed quotes on the perimeter pavement. It appears to us that the present number and proximity may be too much and ought to be looked at in a full size partial mock up. Perhaps there ought to be less inscribed within the plan itself. Some of that could be handled in another information system. The Commission still feels that the perimeter planting urns need further study, particularly the proposed use of aluminum urns. Using the floor plans rather than sculptural objects for the White House and Capitol has our approval, but we hope that the water simulation can be closer to blue, perhaps bluestone or industrial glass can be considered.

Lighting, as a part of the unified treatment of the Avenue, has our general approval for the use of decorative Washington Globe fixtures and the high mast fixture. Keeping these elements at the perimeter, and across the street, from Western Plaza and Pershing Park makes sense. We understand that the tree and pedestrian lighting has yet to be designed. We would expect to review this as ready, particularly as these fixtures might be used within the Park and Plaza.

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The step and pool lighting does have the Commission's approval with the warning that the proposed wattage may be too bright. Having the option of using lower intensity lamps, should this become an obvious problem seems a good option.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Dear Andy:

We were glad to see the revised designs for Pershing Park that were presented at our meeting on June 28. The plan for the water feature at the west end of the pool appear to be much simpler which should be a definite plus if that same spirit is carried forward in section and the details. The arrangement of the memorial wall elements and the statue of Pershing also seems to be better.

Our major concern at this point is the location and design of the kiosk. Combining the restroom facilities together with the refreshment services is not the best of all possible combinations, the two could be separated, the size of the kiosk could be considerably reduced, and the character of the outdoor serving area greatly improved.

We would also like to suggest some additional study for the design of the kiosk. The roof looks too heavy and bulbous, not exactly the character one would like to see in such a prominent location.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Ms. Mackel:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on June 28, 1979, considered designs for the John Wayne Medal as authorized by Public Law 96-15.

The portrait on the obverse side is a good likeness. On the reverse, the horse looked a bit wooden legged, and though the design is taken from an actual photograph, some adjustment ought to be made to give a more natural feeling of movement.

Otherwise the medal is fine and can be considered approved.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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